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CAST:

THE DOCTOR ADRIC TEGAN NYSSA

MONARCH
PERSUASION
ENLIGHTENMENT
BIGON
LIN FUTU
KURKUTJI
VILLAGRA

N/S:
FOUR AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINES
FOUR CHINESE
FOUR SOUTH AMERICAN INDIANS
FOUR GREEKS

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SETS:

Space Ship - Control Room
Throne Room
Recreation Room
Surgery/Mobiliary
Guest Quarters
Flora Chamber
Library
Linkways (2)

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1. INT. RECREATION ROOM.

(THE FOUR WITH KURKUTJI, VILLAGRA, LIN FUTU AND BIGON)

THE DOCTOR: You're all Earth-lings. What are you doing on this ship?

(THERE IS A PAUSE)

Are you hostages? Is that it?

(MONARCH IS STILL THE ONLY OCCUPANT)

MONARCH: Tell them nothing!

3. INT. RECREATION ROOM.

(THE MONOPTICON HUMS.

BIGON LOOKS AT IT)

BIGON: You have not been told by Monarch?

THE DOCTOR: No?

BIGON: Then we must be silent on this.

(A DOOR OPENS TO ADMIT TWO MORE VISITORS. THE WOMAN IS BEAUTIFUL AND WEARS A FLOWING, PINK EVENING DRESS.

THE MAN IS HANDSOME AND WEARS A WELL CUT BLUE LOUNGE SUIT.

THEY ARE JUST AS TEGAN HAD SKETCHED THEM)

WOMAN: His Majesty commands me to tell you that we arrive on planet Earth in four days. He invites you to complete your journey as his guest.

THE DOCTOR: That's very civil of His Majesty. Who are you?

MAN: We've already met. This is Enlightenment, and I am Persuasion.

THE DOCTOR: Good gracious! How you've changed.

(HIS LEVITY IS DELIBERATE. HE IS AWARE HOW FRIGHTENED HIS COMPANIONS ARE)

TEGAN: But ... you're what I sketched!

ENLIGHTENMENT: Yes. You are a very good draughtswoman, my dear.

(TEGAN IS VERY FRIGHTENED, TO THE DOCTOR)

TEGAN: I want to go.

ENLIGHTENMENT: There's no need to be frightened.

TEGAN: I'm not frightened.

ADRIC: (IN AWE) How did you do it? Change like that?

ENLIGHTENMENT: We enjoy the most advanced technology in the Universe.

THE DOCTOR: Magical.

ENLIGHTENMENT: No. Not magic, Doctor. A skill like any other.

ADRIC: You mean anyone can do it?

ENLIGHTENMENT: Yes.

ADRIC: Me?

ENLIGHTENMENT: If you wished. But you have no need. Yet.

THE DOCTOR: But you have?

ENLIGHTENMENT: As you have seen.

PERSUASION: The dominant emotion on planet Earth is fear. When last we were there our reception was hostile.

TEGAN: Yes. And that doesn't sur ...

THE DOCTOR: (INTERRUPTING SMOOTHLY) We must read your history books.

ENLIGHTENMENT: You will be welcome to do so. It will be necessary for me to instruct you in our computer languages.

THE DOCTOR: One couldn't wish for a more enchanting teacher.

<u>PERSUASION:</u> A very elevated one.

THE DOCTOR: Enlightenment!

<u>PERSUASION: Minister</u> of Enlightenment.

THE DOCTOR: Yes, of course. (cont ...)

(HE TURNS TO PERSUASION)

THE DOCTOR: (cont) Now, let me guess. Minister of War ... I mean ... Persuasion.

(MONARCH ON HIS THRONE)

MONARCH: Close watch this doctor. Control, report what may be know of this being.
Also Gallifrey and artron energy.

5. INT. RECREATION ROOM.

(AS BEFORE)

THE DOCTOR: And may one ask the purpose of your visit to planet Earth?

<u>PERSUASION:</u> Resettlement.

ENLIGHTENMENT: Urbanka, our planet, no longer exists. Inokshi, our sun, was an irregular variable. It collapsed a thousand years ago.

<u>PERSUASION:</u> We left before the end.

ENLIGHTENMENT: In time to escape the black hole.

THE DOCTOR: (INNOCENTLY) Many of you?

ENLIGHTENMENT: Three billion.

ADRIC: Three billion! On how many ships?

ENLIGHTENMENT: One.

ADRIC: (INCREDULOUS) One?

ENLIGHTENMENT: This one.

(CLOSE SHOT OF THE DOCTOR ON THE MONITOR)

MONARCH: They have been told enough.

7. INT. RECREATION ROOM.

(A HUM FROM THE MONOPTICON SEEMS TO IMPINGE ON ENLIGHTENMENT AND PERSUASION AND IS NOTICED BY THE DOCTOR)

THE DOCTOR: Yes, well ...

(HE FINISHES HIS DRINK)

(MONARCH ON HIS THRONE)

COMPUTER VOICE: Data on Doctor, galifrey, artron energy not memory banked. Inference fifth dimension.

MONARCH: This doctor cannot have brought mathematics further than I. Infer again!

COMPUTER VOICE: The occult.

MONARCH: Superstition? No! Isolate them! I must know more about them.

9. INT. RECREATION ROOM.

(AS BEFORE)

ENLIGHTENMENT: Now that you are refreshed you must see your quarters. Bigon will show you. He was the last to use them.

THE DOCTOR: I see. We've accepted your invitation?

PERSUASION: Graciously.

THE DOCTOR: Of course.

(A DOOR OPENS)

BIGON: This way, please.

THE DOCTOR: Au revoir.

ENLIGHTENMENT: I hope so.

(TEGAN IS FRIGHTENED TO DEATH BY THIS.

THE FOUR FOLLOW BIGON OUT)

10. INT. LINKWAY.

(WATCHED BY A MON-OPTICON BIGON LEADS THE WAY TO ANOTHER DOOR)

TEGAN: (HISSING) What did she mean by that?

(THE DOCTOR INDICATES HUSH)

BIGON: Here you will be comfortable. I was.

11. INT. GUEST QUARTERS.

(BIGON LEADS THE WAY INTO AN APARTMENT WHICH IS BOTH FUNC-TIONAL AND COMFORTABLE.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF BUNKS AT THE BULK-HEADS)

ADRIC: Where are the others?

BIGON: My boy?

ADRIC: The rest of the three billion?

BIGON: I'm sure that Monarch or one of his Ministers will wish to satisfy your curiosity.

THE DOCTOR: I hope we're not putting you out.

BIGON: No. I have no need of this accommodation now.

THE DOCTOR: You are with your family?

BIGON: I have no family. Not since I was rescued from Earth a hundred generations ago.

(MONARCH, ENLIGHTENMENT AND PERSUASION, THE LATTER STILL IN HUMAN FORM)

MONARCH: Why does the old fool have to chatter?

13. INT. GUEST QUARTERS.

(AS BEFORE)

BIGON: I must leave you now.

(HE GOES AND THE DOOR GLIDES TO BEHIND HIM.

TEGAN RUSHES TO IT. IT IS FIRM)

TEGAN: We're shut in!

ADRIC: (IN AWE) A hundred generations?

THE DOCTOR: Looks young for his age, don't you think?

(THE DOCTOR HAS
PRODUCED HIS SONIC
SCREWDRIVER AND IS
TAKING SURREPTITIOUS
READINGS ROUND THE
CHAMBER)

ADRIC: Three billion people! How big is this ship?

NYSSA: It's impossible!

THE DOCTOR: On the face of it.

TEGAN: (PANIC) I want to get out of here! I want to be off this ship. I don't want to be rescued.

ADRIC: Make up your mind!

TEGAN: (OF THE DOCTOR) Can you get us out of here? Can you get us back to the Tardis?

THE DOCTOR: I don't anticipate a great deal of difficulty.

TEGAN: Then I want to go. Now!

THE DOCTOR: There was a sailor once. Fellow called Drake.

TEGAN: What's that got to do with it?

THE DOCTOR: He said something like, "there's time enough to get to London Airport and beat the Armada too."

ADRIC: Armada?

THE DOCTOR: (A WHISPER) Could be more than one of these.

(MONARCH, ENLIGHTENMENT AND PERSUASION.

THE MONITOR HOLDS A LOOSE SHOT OF THE DOCTOR AS HE MOVES ABOUT "QUARTERS."

THE DOCTOR COMES TO THE MONITOR, EFFECTIVELY "BLOCKING" IT)

MONARCH: He has discovered the monopticon. This doctor interests me more and more. On no account is he to leave.

15. INT. GUEST QUARTERS.

(THE DOCTOR IS FACING THE BULKHEAD. HE TURNS, ON THE SPOT, TO FACE THE OTHERS.

HE TAKES OUT HIS PROPELLING PENCIL AND ADJUSTS SOMETHING BY USING THE CLIP.

IT CAUSES A FLUCTUATING HUM)

(AS BEFORE.

THE MONITOR IS BLANKED OUT AND THERE IS A FLUCTUATING HUM)

MONARCH: And now he has blocked the sound. Here we have a lively intelligence. He could be a valuable ally.

PERSUASION: Or a dangerous
enemy, your Majesty.

ENLIGHTENMENT: He is too jocular ... irresponsible. Such a being prefers mental anarchy. They call it freedom.

MONARCH: What nonsense, both of you. I have eliminated the concept of opposition.

PERSUASION: I was thinking of Bigon, your Majesty.

MONARCH: Bigon cannot oppose.

<u>PERSUASION:</u> But he does not conform.

MONARCH: Naturally. He is a philosopher. A doubter. We need doubt. It is the greatest intellectual galvaniser.

ENLIGHTENMENT: With respect, your Majesty, there is a sensitivity in his persona which suggests what in the Flesh Time was called "soul."

MONARCH: That is the first time, Enlightenment, I have heard you blaspheme.

ENLIGHTENMENT: I beg your Majesty's pardon.

MONARCH: I should think so, indeed. The Flesh Time! You approach lese majeste if you put the "soul" into the past tense.

17. INT. GUEST QUARTERS.

(AS BEFORE)

TEGAN: Must you make that awful noise?

THE DOCTOR: If our conversation is to remain private, yes.

ADRIC: They must be lying
... or mad. Three billion
people in one ship? It would
never get off the ground!

TEGAN: Of course they're mad! One hundred generations in this thing? They have got to be mad.

THE DOCTOR: She didn't talk of people, she talked of population.

ADRIC: Comes to the same thing.

THE DOCTOR: Sloppy thinking, young Adric. What about miniturisation? There are more than three billion bacteria in this chamber alone. And if a frog with an outrageous hairdo can turn itself into the semblance of a human being in a matter of minutes, there isn't much of a limit to what it can't do. To say nothing of the dress-making.

MYSSA: All that's not so
difficult.

ADRIC: Not difficult!

NYSSA: These Urbankans are terribly advanced.

TEGAN: Terribly is too right!

NYSSA: I understand bioengineering, but I'm also a cyberneticist.

TEGAN: A what?

NYSSA: A sort of doctor ... concerned with the control of life by machines.

TEGAN: What machines? I've seen three large frogs and four very peculiar human beings.

NYSSA: No, you've seen more than that. You saw two sketches you made come to life.

TEGAN: Don't remind me!

NYSSA: I'm sure machines did that.

TEGAN: We're talking of flesh and blood.

THE DOCTOR: I'm beginning to wonder. We're four days from Earth in a space ship with three billion and three frogs and four Earthlings. Why? Now, wait a minute, wait a minute! (cont ...)

(THE DOCTOR'S EXCITED ABOUT A SUDDEN IDEA AND STABS A FINGER AT ADRIC)

THE DOCTOR: (cont) How long's one hundred generations?

ADRIC: What's a generation ... in years?

THE DOCTOR: Call it twenty-five.

ADRIC: Two thousand, five hundred years.

THE DOCTOR: Right. Now it's two thousand five hundred years since our hosts were last on Earth, when they "rescued" Bigon. Now if the return journey to their own planet takes the same time as the journey to earth ... How's your ancient history, Tegan?

TEGAN: Like I feel, awful!

THE DOCTOR: Mine's pretty good. The Futu dynasty in China I would place at four thousand years ago. The Mayans in South America flourished about eight thousand years ago. Kurkutji, the Aborigine, says it's so long since he was taken he can't remember. What about twelve thousand years?

(A BEAT)

TEGAN: That's mad!

THE DOCTOR: So you keep saying, Tegan, but is anyone saying you're wrong?

ADRIC: I am. I think it's brilliant!

NYSSA: So do I. Pure logic.

THE DOCTOR: Couldn't Tegan be right? Why do it?

TEGAN: Are you saying that this Aborigine is twelve thousand years old?

THE DOCTOR: No. But his ancestor was. It wouldn't be the first time that whole generations knew of no other world but a space ship.

TEGAN: Then what are you saying?

THE DOCTOR: I'm saying these Urbankans have come down to Earth four times and "rescued" at least one cultural representative. This time they're coming for good. Good? I doubt it. Three billion Earthlings plus three billion Urbankans? I don't think so. I don't think so at all.

ADRIC: What can we do?

THE DOCTOR: Explore.

(MONARCH, ENLIGHTENMENT AND PERSUASION.

THE BLANK MONITOR AND THE HUM)

<u>PERSUASION:</u> What action shall I take, your Majesty?

MONARCH: None! He will take the action. He has a sonic device; primitive but effective. He'll want to explore. Arrange for a Recreational to divert our friend, but separate him from the boy or girl. They will tell me more about this doctor than he will himself.

(PERSUASION LEAVES)

19. INT. GUEST QUARTERS.

(THE DOCTOR TAKES THE COVER FROM A BUNK AND DRAPES IT TO BLANK THE "EYE" OF THE CONCEALED MONOPTICON.

HE PICKS UP HIS SPACE-PACK)

THE DOCTOR: Bring these!

(HE MOVES TO THE DOOR AND ACTIVATES HIS SONIC SCREW-DRIVER.

THE DOOR GLIDES OPEN)

20. INT. LINKWAY.

(THE FOUR COME FROM THEIR "QUARTERS" WATCHED BY THE MONOPTICON.

THE DOCTOR GIVES IT A SMILE)

THE DOCTOR: Wouldn't care to show us round, I suppose?

(THE MONOPTICON MOVES UP TO THE DOOR THEY CAME THROUGH EARLIER.

THE DOCTOR POINTS TO THE OPPOSITE DOOR)

I think it's this way, isn't it?

(THE DOOR NEAR THE MONOPTICON OPENS.

THE DOCTOR TRIES HIS SCREWDRIVER ON THE OTHER BUT IT DOESN'T WORK)

All right. If you insist.

(HE STARTS FOR THE OPEN DOOR)

(ON THE MONITOR
WE SEE THE DOCTOR
IN THE LEAD WITH
TEGAN FOLLOWING
AND THEN ADRIC AND
NYSSA IN THAT ORDER)

MONARCH: The boy and girl!

22. INT. LINKWAY.

(THE FOUR MOVING AWAY FROM CAMERA TOWARDS THE OPEN DOOR.

TEGAN FOLLOWS THE DOCTOR THROUGH THE DOOR, THEN IT CLOSES IN ADRIC'S FACE.

ADRIC AND NYSSA HEAR SOMETHING BEHIND THEM AND TURN TO SEE THE OTHER DOOR OPENING)

NYSSA: What shall we do?

ADRIC: Come on!

(THEY BOTH GO THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR)

(MONARCH AND ENLIGHTENMENT)

MONARCH: Let them move freely. In the meantime, Enlightenment, I would examine Bigon.

ENLIGHTENMENT: Your Majesty.

(SHE LEAVES.

MONARCH CONTINUES TO WATCH THE MONITOR.

WE SEE ADRIC AND NYSSA MAKING THEIR WAY CAUTIOUSLY DOWN ANOTHER LINKWAY)

MONARCH: I have high hopes of you, my young friends.

24. INT. LINKWAY.

(THE LINKWAY LEADING TO THE RECREATION ROOM.

THE DOCTOR AND TEGAN MOVE ALONG IT TOWARDS THE SOUND OF A DIDJERIDOO.

TEGAN LOOKS BEHIND HER TO DISCOVER THE ABSENSE OF ADRIC AND NYSSA)

TEGAN: Doctor! We've lost the others.

(THE DOCTOR GOES BACK TO THE DOOR THEY LEFT AND TEGAN FOLLOWS.

THE DOCTOR ACTIVATES THE SCREWDRIVER.

IT FAILS TO WORK)

THE DOCTOR: Mm. I have a feeling we were meant to lose them.

TEGAN: But we can't just leave them!

THE DOCTOR: What do you suggest? Come on! And try to keep calm. We'll get nowhere if you lose your head.

(THEY MOVE OFF)

25. INT. RECREATION ROOM.

(KURKUTJI PLAYS A DIDJERIDOO ACCOMPANYING A WAR DANCE PERFORMED BY FOUR ABORIGINES.

THE DANCE IS WATCHED BY PRINCESS VILLAGRA AND FOUR OTHER MAYAN GIRLS IN TRADITIONAL DRESS.

AND THERE ARE TWO YOUNG GREEKS DRESSED AS WAS FASHIONABLE IN FIVE HUNDRED BC.

LIN FUTU IS THERE WITH FOUR OTHER CHINESE ALSO IN TRADITIONAL COSTUME

ALL THE EARTHLINGS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KURKUTJI, VILLAGRA AND LIN FUTU HAVE A BAND ABOUT THEIR RIGHT WRISTS.

THE BAND IS ABOUT TWO INCHES WIDE AND ABOUT A QUARTER OF AN INCH THICK.

PERSUASION APPEARS TO RESIDE.

THE DOCTOR AND TEGAN ENTER)

THE DOCTOR: Well, well!
More Earthlings! Some sort
of entertainment.

(PERSUASION COMES OVER TO THEM)

<u>PERSUASION:</u> Welcome to our Recreational.

THE DOCTOR: Thank you.

<u>PERSUASION:</u> Where are your junior companions?

THE DOCTOR: I'm afraid they've got lost. You know what kids are.

PERSUASION: I don't, as it happens. But they won't get far.

(TEGAN LOOKS
APPREHENSIVELY AT
THE DOCTOR)

We have these little soirees from time to time. It is a recreation from work and study and representative of the different cultures.

THE DOCTOR: How is Urbanka represented?

<u>PERSUASION:</u> We have no comparable cultures. Such concepts are for the primitive.

26. INT. LINKWAY.

(ADRIC AND NYSSA MAKING THEIR WAY WATCHED BY -)

(MONARCH, ENLIGHTEMENT AND BIGON)

MONARCH: You must resist the temptation to tell this Doctor about my mission.

BIGON: I have told the truth for over two and a half

MONARCH: Then keep silent! You haven't been made immortal to engage in endless gossip. I want to know more about this Doctor before I tell him of the Ultimate.

BIGON: When you do this his hand will be against you.

MONARCH: Then I will cut it off.

BIGON: We cannot find the Ultimate. There is no Ultimate to find.

MONARCH: I have heard enough blasphemy for one day, If it weren't for me you'd still think your Earth is flat. Hold your tongue! The Doctor will know about us when we know more about him. Now leave us!

(BIGON GOES.

ON THE MONITOR ADRIC AND NYSSA APPROACH ANOTHER LATERAL DOOR. WHICH OPENS.

THEY GO INTO -)

28. INT. FLORA CHAMBER.

(THE LIGHT IN THIS CHAMBER IS AS BRIGHT AS SUNLIGHT.

ADRIC AND NYSSA HAVE TO SHIELD THEIR EYES.

THE PLACE IS FILLED WITH GROWING PLANT LIFE.

IN EVIDENCE ARE GRAPES AND AVOCADO PEARS, GRASSES AND SHRUBS, SAPLINGS AS WELL AS FULLY GROWN TREES.

WORKING, AMID THIS VEGETATION ARE FOUR ABORIGINES WHO ALSO WEAR WRIST BANDS.

THEY ARE REPLICATES
OF THE FOUR PERFORMING
THE DANCE IN THE
RECREATION ROOM)

ADRIC: Very bright light.

NYSSA: For photosynthesis.

ADRIC: What's that?

NYSSA: The light on the plants converts carbon dioxide into carbohydrate ... the plants give off oxygen.

(IN A MARSHY POOL SEVERAL FROGS BASK AND CROAK.

ADRIC APPROACHES ONE OF THE ABORIGINES)

ADRIC: Hello!

(THE ABORIGINE IGNORES HIM AND ADRIC TURNS TO NYSSA WITH A SHRUG AND A GRIMACE.

THEY LEAVE THE FLORA CHAMBER)

(MONARCH AND
ENLIGHTENMENT WATCH,
ON THE MONITOR,
ADRIC AND NYSSA
COME FROM THE FLORA
CHAMBER INTO THE
LINKWAY)

30. INT. RECREATION ROOM.

(THE WAR DANCE COMES TO AN END AND IS APPLAUDED.

LIN FUTU STRIKES A GONG AND CHINESE MUSIC ACCOMPANIES THE APPEARANCE OF A CEREMONIAL CHINESE DRAGON.

IT BEGINS A DANCE WHICH RANGES THE WHOLE CHAMBER)

TEGAN: Shouldn't we look for the others?

THE DOCTOR: No. As Persy over there said; they can't be far.

TEGAN: But what if they harm them?

THE DOCTOR: Why should they?

TEGAN: I don't know why but I think they will.

THE DOCTOR: Nonsense! Wouldn't make any sense.

TEGAN: Doesn't have to. I think they're mad. And I think you are too.

THE DOCTOR: Then take some advice from a madman. Look happy!

TEGAN: What?

THE DOCTOR: Look as if you're enjoying yourself. In this situation it's the best form of defence ... and it gives me time to think.

31. INT. LINKWAY.

(ADRIC AND NYSSA ADVANCING ALONG YET ANOTHER LINKWAY.

THEY COME TO ANOTHER LATERAL DOOR WHICH OPENS TO THEM.

THEY GO INTO -)

32. INT. LIBRARAY.

(ADRIC AND NYSSA COME IN AND THE DOOR CLOSES BEHIND THEM.

SUDDENLY THEY BOTH GASP FOR AIR)

(MONARCH AND ENLIGHTENMENT)

ENLIGHTENMENT: They have lungs.

MONARCH: Let them remember that.

34. INT. LIBRARY.

(AS BEFORE.

ADRIC HOLDS UP HIS SPACE-PACK.

HE GESTURES THAT
THEY SHOULD PUT THEM
ON.

ADRIC AND NYSSA FRANTICALLY DON THE SPACE-PACKS)

ADRIC: (FROM INSIDE THE PACK)
Not enough oxygen! (con ...)

(THEY LOOK ABOUT THEM.

THE MONOPTICON IS THERE.

AT A CENTRAL CONSOLE SIT FOUR GREEK "SCHOLARS" WHO WEAR WRIST BANDS.

AGAIN, THEY ARE REPLICATES OF THOSE IN THE RECREATIONAL AUDIENCE, TWO OF WHICH HAVE YET TO APPEAR THERE IN ANOTHER GUISE.

THE "SCHOLARS" ARE OPERATING COMPUTERS.

THE WALLS COMPRISE BANK UPON BANK OF DATA STORAGE) ADRIC: (cont) They don't need oxygen.

(HE GOES TO THE NEAREST "SCHOLAR")

Excuse me.

(THE "SCHOLAR"
IGNORES ADRIC WHO
TURNS TO NYSSA.

NYSSA JOINS HIM)

Excuse me.

(STILL THE "SCHOLAR" IGNORES HIM.

ADRIC REACHES OUT AND TOUCHES THE "SCHOLAR'S" BARE FOREARM JUST ABOVE THE WRIST BAND.

THE "SCHOLAR" LOOKS AT ADRIC IMPASSIVELY BEFORE TURNING BACK TO HIS WORK)

He's ice-cold.

(NYSSA ALSO TOUCHES THE "SCHOLAR GETTING THE SAME RESPONSE AS ADRIC.

SHE THEN TOUCHES THE WRIST BAND)

NYSSA: They've all got one of these.

(THE "SCHOLAR" LOOKS AT HER BUT ALLOWS THE EXAMINATION)

(MONARCH AND ENLIGHTENMENT)

MONARCH: No! She goes too far!

36. INT. LIBRARY

(AS BEFORE.

THE MONOPTICON HUMS.

THE "SCHOLAR" PULLS HIS ARM AWAY AND PUSHES NYSSA BACK)

NYSSA: I'm sorry.

ADRIC: Don't push her like that!

(ADRIC IS IGNORED, THE "SCHOLAR" HAVING GONE BACK TO HIS WORK)

Come on!

(AS THEY MOVE TO GO THE DOOR OPENS FOR THEM)

37. INT. RECREATION ROOM.

(AS THE DRAGON DANCE COMES TO AN END BIGON ENTERS AND JOINS PERSUASION.

THE DANCE ENDS TO APPLAUSE.

THE DRAGON EXITS.

BIGON CLAPS HIS HANDS.

TWO GREEK WARRIORS ENTER AND SALUTE THE AUDIENCE.

THEY ARE REPLICATES OF TWO "SCHOLARS" IN THE LIBRARY.

THEY WEAR LOIN CLOTHS, AND PLUMED HELMETS, AND CARRY SHORT SWORDS AND ROUND SHIELDS.

THEY, ALSO, HAVE WRIST BANDS.

THEY BEGIN A GLADIATORAL FIGHT.

BIGON MOVES TO THE DOCTOR AND TEGAN)

BIGON, QUIETLY, CLOSE TO THE DOCTOR'S EAR) BIGON: I want to look as if I'm explaining the contest.

(HE POINTS AT THE WARRIORS AS HE CONTINUES TALKING)

I must see you in private as soon as possible.

THE DOCTOR: I fancy I ve made our quarters private enough.

BIGON: Good! Could you divert the attention of the monopticon?

THE DOCTOR: I'll do my best.

BIGON: In ten seconds, please.

(BIGON MOVES AWAY.

WE WATCH THE FIGHT FOR THE REQUIRED TIME DURING WHICH THE DOCTOR TURNS TO TEGAN)

THE DOCTOR: Act up to me!

(AS HE TURNS ON HIS SEAT HE FALLS TO THE FLOOR.

THE MONOPTICON MOVES.

PERSUASION MOVES TO THE DOCTOR.

TEGAN KNEELS BY HIM)

TEGAN: Doctor!

(MONARCH AND ENLIGHTENMENT.

THE DOCTOR AND TEGAN ON THE MONITOR)

39. INT. RECREATION ROOM.

(AS BEFORE.

CS BIGON SLIPPING, UNNOTICED FROM THE ROOM)

PERSUASION: Are you not well, Doctor?

(THE DOCTOR PICKS HIMSELF UP AND SITS AGAIN)

THE DOCTOR: Perfectly all right, thank you. A sudden dizzy spell. Must be the altitude.

(PERSUASION MOVES AWAY)

(MONARCH AND ENLIGHTENMENT)

ENLIGHTENMENT: What a fatuous remark!

MONARCH: Ah, the Flesh Time! The Flesh Time.

41. INT. RECREATION ROOM.

(AS BEFORE.

THE FIGHT CONTINUES)

TEGAN: What was all that about?

THE DOCTOR: A little diversion. I think we're on to something. Bigon wants to talk to me.

42. INT. LINKWAY.

(ADRIC AND NYSSA MOVING ALONG A LINKWAY.

NYSSA BEGINS TO TAKE OFF THE SPACE-PACK)

ADRIC: No! Leave it on!

NYSSA: We were all right here, last time.

ADRIC: Yes. But what about in there?

(THEY HAVE ARRIVED AT ANOTHER DOOR WHICH OPENS TO THEM.

THEY GO INTO -)

43. INT. SURGERY/MOBILIARY.

(ADRIC AND NYSSA INTO THE SURGERY AND MOBILIARY CHAMBER.

THERE IS A WELTER OF SOPHISTICATED INSTRUMENTATION.

WELL IN EVIDENCE IS AN INDUCTION FURNACE.

ALSO IN EVIDENCE MANY FLASKS:

CYLINDERS TWELVE INCHES HIGH AND SEVEN INCHES IN DIAMETER.

FOUR "SURGEONS" ATTEND
THE INSTRUMENTATION

THEY ARE REPLICATES OF THE CHINESE AT THE RECREATIONAL AND WEAR THE WRIST BAND.

TWO "SURGEONS" ARE AT WORK AT WHAT LOOKS LIKE AN OPERATING TABLE OVER WHICH IS SUSPENDED A DOME - A PERSPEX DOME.

ON THE TABLE LIES ANOTHER CHINAMEN, INERT AND LIFELESS.

THE "SURGEONS" ARE FITTING A WRIST BAND.

ONE OTHER "SURGEON"
ATTENDS A VAT CONTAINING
A STEAMING, FLESHTINTED SUBSTANCE.

THE FOURTH IS
WORKING AT WHAT
LOOKS LIKE AN
ELECTRON MICROSCOPE)

ADRIC: I don't suppose it's any use speaking to these either.

NYSSA: Look! That's an electron microscope!

(ADRIC GOES TO THE FURNACE)

ADRIC: What's this?

NYSSA: Looks like an induction furnace.

(MONARCH AND ENLIGHTENMENT.

ADRIC AND NYSSA ARE ON THE MONITOR)

ENLIGHTENMENT: Is it wise, your Majesty, for them to see the Mobiliary Chamber?

MONARCH: Enlightenment questions my wisdom?

ENLIGHTENMENT: They will communicate with the others.

MONARCH: Of course, but I intend to control and qualify that communication.

45. INT. SURGERY/MOBILIARY.

(ADRIC AND NYSSA MOVE ABOUT THE CHAMBER IN WONDERMENT DISREGARDED BY THE "SURGEONS")

ADRIC: What do they do in here?

(NYSSA LOOKS ROUND AND UP AT THE UBIQUITOUS MONOPTICON)

46. INT. RECREATION ROOM.

(THE WARRIORS FIGHT ON.

ONE RUNS THE OTHER THROUGH, THE POINT OF THE SWORD ENTERING BELOW THE STERNUM AND PROTRUDING BELOW THE LEVEL OF THE TENTH THORACIC VERTABRA.

THERE IS NO BLOOD.

THE SWORD IS
WITHDRAWN AND THE
VICTIM FALLS TO
ENTHUSIASTIC
APPLAUSE.

THE TWO GREEKS LIFT THE FALLEN WARRIOR AND TAKE HIM OUT AS THE VICTOR ACKNOWLEDGES THE APPLAUSE.

THE DOCTOR IS SURPRISED, TEGAN HORRIFIED.

SHE RUNS OUT IN THE DIRECTION OF "QUARTERS."

THE DOCTOR FOLLOWS HER.

PERSUASION LOOKS AFTER THEM AND SMILES.

THE MAYAN GIRLS BEGIN A RITUAL DANCE)

47. INT. GUEST QUARTERS.

(TEGAN AND BIGON: SHE IN TEARS.

THE DOCTOR COMES IN)

THE DOCTOR: I can't say I share your taste in entertainment.

BIGON: It is not as it seems.

48. INT. SURGERY/MOBILIARY.

(ADRIC AND NYSSA WATCH THE "FALLEN" WARRIOR WALK IN UNAIDED.

THE WOUND IS VISIBLE BUT THERE IS STILL NO BLOOD.

THE VICTOR FOLLOWS CARRYING THE VANQUISHED'S HELMET, SWORD AND SHIELD.

THE TWO "SURGEONS"
AT THE OPERATING TABLE
REMOVE THE LIFELESS BODY
ON WHICH THEY HAVE
BEEN WORKING, STANDING
IT IN A NICHE.

THE WOUNDED WARRIOR CLIMBS ONTO THE OPERATING TABLE.

THE DOME GOES INTO PLACE.

LIGHT AND SOUND FOR TWO SECONDS.

THE DOME COMES UP.

THE PATIENT JUMPS LIGHTLY TO THE FLOOR, THE WOUND NOW HEALED)

NYSSA: That's what they do in here.

(MONARCH AND ENLIGHTENMENT)

MONARCH: bring the children to me!

50. INT. SURGERY/MOBILIARY.

(AS BEFORE.

THE MONOPTICON HUMS.

THE WARRIORS CONVERGE ON ADRIC AND NYSSA WHO RETREAT FROM THEM)

51. INT. GUEST QUARTERS.

(THE DOCTOR, TEGAN AND BIGON.

TEGAN TO THE DOCTOR, IN AWE)

TEGAN: You were right.

THE DOCTOR: Four visits every four thousand years or so?

BIGON: No. The first visit was over thirty five thousand years ago when Kurkutji was taken. It took twenty thousand years for the Urbankans to reach Earth. Monarch has doubled the speed of the ship on every subsequent visit.

ADRIC: (IN AWE) Yes. You last left Urbanka twelve hundred and fifty years ago.

THE DOCTOR: Then how can organic life endure that long?

BIGON: The only organic life aboard is in the Flora chamber.

(BIGON LETS HIS ROBE FALL FROM HIS SHOULDERS AND UNBUTTONS THE SKIN FROM STERNUM TO CLAVICLE.

WE SEE STRAIGHT THROUGH HIM (CSO)

IT IS EVIDENT THAT WHAT IS BIGON IS BUILT ON A FRAME)

This compound is not me. (cont...)

(BIGON UNBUTTONS HIS THROAT AND LIFTS THE SKIN FROM JAW TO HAIRLINE. (MODEL)

AGAIN WE SEE STRAIGHT THROUGH.

HIS HAND DELVES INTO HIS ABDOMEN)

BIGON: (cont) This is me.

(IN HIS HAND ARE THREE MICROCHIPS)

FADE OUT